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MBA Sweeps Cheekwood Art Show

by Buch Buchanan

Every year MBA competes in the Regional Young Artists Competition of the National Scholastics Competition at Cheekwood. This year was no exception. And once again we opened up a big can of whoop-hiney.

The competition was held in mid-January in the Cheekwood Botanic Hall. All entries had been submitted by the previous Friday. Over half the winners were MBA students. I will list all the winners by category:

Hallmark Award: Stephen Hunt. **Painting II, Gold:** Stratton Huggins; **Silver:** Eric Anderson, Marshall Brandt, Stratton Huggins, Chris Kuhn; **Certificate of Merit:** Buck Buchanan, Eric Womack. **Painting I, Gold:** Adrian Cameron, Maynard Garrett; **Silver:** Charlie Cortis; **Certificate of Merit:** Jonathan Hearn, Andrew Smaldone.

Drawing II, Gold: Stephen Hunt, Mark Pettus; **Silver:** Eric Anderson, Robert Duck, Tom Hall, Andy Moats, KJ Schumacher; **Certificate of Merit:** Buck Buchanan, Chris Kuhn. **Drawing I, Gold:** Michael Bass, Halsey Fischer; **Silver:**

Thompson. **Printmaking I, Gold:** Stan Sanders, Chris Callister; **Silver:** Adrian Cameron, Samuel Delemos, Peter Ripley; **Certificate of**

Robert Womack. **Mixed Media II, Gold:** Eric Anderson; **Silver:** Eric Anderson, Joe Montgomery. **Mixed Media I, Gold:** Jonathan Baird; **Silver:** Jaime D'Agostino, Joe Montgomery. **Photography II,**

Sculpture II, Gold: Joe Montgomery. **Sculpture I, Gold:** Hanley Sayers; **Certificate of Merit:** Kenshin Ichikawa. **Ceramics I, Gold:** Andrew Smaldone; **Certificate of Merit:** Neeley Andrews. **Computer Graphics II, Gold:** Shooter Jennings. **Computer Graphics I, Silver:** Jonathan Hearn.

The winners had their works displayed for a month at Cheekwood. The awards ceremony was held the day of the opening of the competition.

The Hallmark Award winner and the winners of gold medals had their works sent on to the national competition in Washington after the month of display at Cheekwood had ended. Winners of the national competition will have their works displayed for a month in the Corcoran Gallery.



Charlie Cortis, Michael Griffin; **Certificate of Merit:** Andrew Davidson, Josh Ritter. **Printmaking II, Gold:** Anderson Williams, Kit Ozburn; **Silver:** Stephen Hunt, Andrew Stahl; **Certificate of Merit:** Paul

Merit: Michael Bass, Charles Davidson, Andrew Ellis, Sebastian Enguidanos, Derrick Fuller, Maynard Garrett, Brad McDowell, David MacIntosh, Ben Fabel,

Pettus; **Silver:** Carson Kaiser; **Certificate of Merit:** Chris Kuhn. **Graphic Design I, Silver:** Dudley Schiel; **Certificate of Merit:** Jonathan Hearn, Andy Moats.

Creative Writing Comes to MBA

by Lee Hampton

In the old History Room, students who were caught working were disciplined. In the new computer lab, students who are caught playing are in trouble. Instead of being opened for chess and leisure activities, it now contains computers for student use. The lab allows students to use PC's instead of the Apple computers in the Ball building. Although only word processing programs are on the computers now, new programs may be added later. The students may not make any alterations to the computers' software. The new lab, along with other programs is funded through the Roscoe Davis Creative Writing Grant.

Roscoe Davis, now deceased, graduated from MBA in 1946. According to

Mr. Weaver, Director of Alumni Development, "Dr. Paschall and Mrs. Davis were responsible for setting up the grant. Mrs. Davis was appreciative of the fact that Roscoe Davis especially enjoyed English...and had an interest in creative writing. She felt that a grant in his memory would be especially meaningful." Mrs. Palmore stated that the purpose of the grant is "to encourage creative writing on campus."

In addition to funding new computers, the grant pays for visits from writers. In 1994, MBA alumnus John Stifler conducted a creative writing workshop. In December, poet Peter Murray came to MBA and read some of his poetry about child-snatching trees and bananas which yell at

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With all the changes and rumors circulating around MBA, separating fact from fiction has been much more difficult than usual. No doubt you have heard stories of a change in next year's schedule, not to mention the impending alteration of the school constitution, tuition hikes, and a hoard of freshman applications for the 1995-96 school year. Who better than our own Headmaster, Mr. Gioia, to clear things up for an otherwise confused student body?

First on the mind of both MBA students and faculty is the idea of beginning school in August. Though the idea of breaking the post-Labor Day tradition seems impossible, MBA students will find themselves sitting in their desks in late August. Citing the obvious need to follow

Changes Afoot in the MBA Way

by Stephen Wall

state law, Mr. Gioia sees no other alternative other than a pre-Labor Day start.

"We are required to go 175 days with full student teacher contact, and we must find a way to meet this expectation. This year we're not meeting the limit, so we must comply." Unfortunately, as Mr. Gioia points out, the only other alternatives are extending the school year into June--which would most certainly create problems with teachers and students involved in summer programs--or cutting short Spring and Christmas Breaks. Another plus, according to Gioia, is that the beginning of the school year will finally be consistent with the sports programs. If such a plan does not work out, the Headmaster insists that the student and faculty understand that he will be more than will-

ing to consider other ideas.

"I recognize that a number of people want to start after Labor Day, and I'll be willing to look at a different plan for the following year, but there will have to be a trade off." Incidentally, there will be one more day added to the end of Christmas Break.

Also in the minds of many a student, not to mention the parents, is the latest tuition increase. The screaming that woke you up last Saturday morning was your father's. Please see, Changes, Page 3

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Opinions

Foobarbazola

by Freddie O'Connell

I am not an advocate of tradition. But hey, if you've got it flaunt it, and MBA certainly has got tradition. Well, actually, let's take a closer look. The MBA student is supposed to be: Gentleman, Scholar, and Athlete; or at the very least, if his ideals are slightly less: a gentleman, scholar, and athlete. I suppose I will address each of these merits of our student body individually.

Gentlemen we are not. We are barely a community, but I will use that word because I am describing us for the moment as gentlemen, scholars, and athletes (Gentlemen, Scho...? Ah, forget it). We constitute a community of destruction workers. We have all the jeers, locker room language (even while not in the locker room, at times), and spitting abilities of stereotypical construction workers, but we are here to tear down not to build up. I have been witness to and been the donor to the community of more sarcastic comments than I would care

to mention here. Daily conversation in the lunch room, in study hall, in shouts across campus, has become an endeavor to provoke, be it tears, a fight, or embarrassment. The fact that anyone should have to worry about embarrassment in a single-gender-long-established-model-for-the-surrounding-area points to the fact that perhaps our model is faulty not in design but in material. Let us ask ourselves why we insult anything that moves, why we reply sarcastically to any question that demonstrates any lack of confidence or knowledge, why the majority of our comments about the other gender tend toward the obscene when the ears of our elders are absent, why we feel that seniority implies superiority (which implies the ability to torment profusely our implied inferiors), why we make life hell for the librarians and other faculty members, why we attend sporting events to make fun of the opponent

instead of to cheer on the home team, why... I could go on from here. For a laugh? Oh. Ha.

Scholars we are not. We claim proudly not to have read last night's assignment. We accost those who have scored higher on quizzes, tests, themes. We take pride in Senior slide when we make our way to that goal. We savor the last minute, using our time instead to berate those who have worked ahead. We place perhaps 30% of our class on the Privilege List and about the same percentage on the Due in Study Hall List. We have more honor code violations than any class before us. What distracts us? There are no girls here. Let us ask ourselves why we are not on PL, why we failed that test, why we are standing here before the council. Because we are cool? Oh. Cool.

Sports distract us. Athletes we are. Athletes we should be. But not all of us can be, and all of us should understand this. I enjoy feeling in shape. We should

not sacrifice the Scholar for the Athlete, or vice versa. If you can only do intramurals, at least take some pride in your physical well-being and put forth your best effort. Shoot for a better time. Shoot for a heavier set. If you cannot do integrations, put forth your best effort. Seek help. But where is the emphasis? How much scholar is put in a day in which practice lasts for 3+ hours. Sports should be the ultimate combination of fun and work. Not an imbalance. Here the work should be the aggression that has been pent up after a long study session. Sports should be a release, not an excuse. Fun should be had in the playing, but learning should be had in the homework. Admittedly, a balance between sports and academics is hard to come by, but it is possible and should therefore be something we seek to establish. We have no more questions.

Is this something that it has taken me until I am a senior to notice? Or is it something that has sprung up

recently? These are not the questions to which I seek answers. Maybe there is no question. But the answer lies in the motto: Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete. What we have now I would not want to flaunt, but the potential exists. Let us tap it.

Additionally, I must respectfully decline any and all invitations to go hunting.

On another note: I would like to give a hearty handshake to each of the fine journalists who put forth the eminently intellectual collection of words affectionately known as the Old Scratch, but I cannot locate any of the editors or contributors in the MBA directory. These brave but scarce souls have changed the way I view

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Lunchroom Anarchy

by Jim Rich

It has been said that we leave "Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete" at the door when we enter Frist Hall. It is true that our lunchroom is very overcrowded, it is true that we upperclassmen steal chairs and places in line from junior schoolers, and it is true that unless a teacher is there, most of the high school students enter the lunchroom before our ten-minute waiting period is over. However, the design of the lunchroom, the food, and the prices are at greater fault for the unpleasant environment created during lunch period.

First of all, while our new lunchroom is much bigger than the old lunchroom in Ball, the overcrowded feeling is still there. Why? Back then, lunch was divided into three periods, so the lunchroom, while small, was never extremely overcrowded. Now that MBA has a bigger lunchroom, the school feels it can squeeze all the MBA student body and

faculty into two periods.

Second, the checkout lanes are jammed into one small hall while there is another hall right next to it with pointless cubbie holes. When was the last time you put your bookbag in one of those holes? The high school students have to wait on the junior school to eat. This especially annoys us junior and sophomore students who went to junior school at MBA, because when we were in junior school we had to wait on the high school.

Another area of concern is the food itself. When the cooking staff makes half-cooked pizza, no one is going to buy it. Instead they wait at the window for a good slice, and pretty soon the kitchen is filled with students waiting for a slice of pizza. Other foods such as french-fries are often half-cooked too. This is really a shame because the food can actually be OK if it is properly cooked. When we came back from

exams, most students noticed that while the price of fries has gone up, the size has gone down. This continues the trend of inflating food prices. When I came to MBA four years ago, juice was around thirty-five cents. Now it is fifty cents. That's quite an increase. The cooking staff can basically do this at will because they own a monopoly on the lunchroom market.

Remember last year when the vending machines were put in? We weren't allowed to use them during the school day, even during lunchtime. Obviously it had something to do with the school's contract with the kitchen. Are they really afraid of losing business to two vending machines? To solve these problems, I suggest that first the school should purchase more chairs. Second, let the high school in before the junior

school. We are a little older and would be less inclined to jump in front of a junior schooler if we were let in before them. Lastly, Mr. Gioia may want to consider or even ask students about their solutions. He may also want to ask other schools how they handle their lunchroom anarchy.



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Symbols of Society

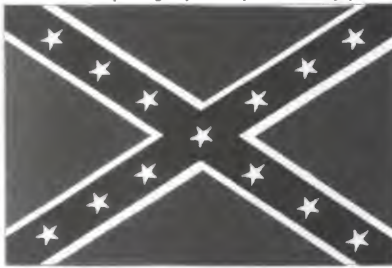
by Chris Kuhn

In today's politically correct world, it seems as though all of us must constantly take into consideration the feelings of others. However, the situation blurs when sides have opposing opinions and feelings on the same issue. Such an incident has recently arisen over the waving of the Saint Andrew's cross.

Personally, the Rebel flag only conjures up childhood memories of a bright orange car from the Dukes of Hazard. However, in the town of Guthrie, this symbol has come to represent two vastly opposing ideas. To some, it symbolizes the pride and courage of the Old South. It represents their brave ancestors who risked their lives to maintain their life-style. To others, it characterizes the oppression and cruelty that this life-style, this "tradition," often en-

tailed. It represents the hate and degradation their ancestors fought bravely to eliminate.

While the violence that erupted in Guthrie is unnecessary, it was not unexpected. Some people fail to realize that they cannot parade around, waving such a powerful symbol, without expecting any consequences.



At times, it may be a harsh look or word. At times it may be a scuffle or a fist fight. However, these volatile exchanges can escalate into gunfire at any time. In such a case, and in Guthrie, everyone is guilty. After all, the true cause of this murder

was a society that teaches its citizens to segregate races.

All of us bear the responsibility to prevent future incidents like this, or worse, from occurring. People must realize that one object can induce two extreme emotions in different subjects. For instance, pornography might be enjoyed as an institution by some men; yet the same images may be condemned as exploitation by women who feel that it sends them back into the proverbial kitchen. However, when was the last time you saw someone

driving around with a centerfold taped onto their automobile? People do have common sense and consideration; yet in the town of Guthrie, apparently their pride and prejudice have overcome them.

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ther opening up the mail and finding out that the tuition had been raised to \$7500. Mr. Gioia insists, however, that such a tuition hike is necessary to continue to pay for everything from the newspapers in the library to the salaries of the teachers in order to retain the excellent standards that make MBA such a prestigious institution.

"If you're going to continue to pay your faculty--and seventy percent of our budget comes solely from tuition revenues---as well as pay bills for things like gas, heat, and electricity, all of which go

up every year, it is unrealistic not to raise tuition. I do hope, however, that we can continue to keep our tuition as low as possible." He also wants to point out that in all actuality, MBA has been fortunate to keep the tuitions as low as they are with the help of other revenue sources such as the endowment.

Another significant change coming to MBA is the vote on the new amendment to the school constitution. While not sure whether he entirely supports the amendment, he sees such a movement among students as im-

portant to keeping the idea of honor on the forefront of all students' minds.

"I'm not sure that I'm in favor of the amendment, but I am by no means strongly against it. I don't know if there will be any resulting change in the level of honor among the students, but I do appreciate the honor council's taking such an interest in the integrity of our students and making honor such an important issue at MBA."

Finally, 1995 has also been a historic year at MBA for another reason, as the school has received more applications than ever before: "For every available seat at MBA, we will have received between two and three applications. Never before in MBA history has there been such a demand for entering the school. We do know however that we don't want to have classes over 115 students."

The Frist Connection

by Paul Thompson

Senator Bill Frist, an MBA graduate, becomes a very important player in the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for Surgeon General. Frist began his second month in office by attending a press conference on February 2nd announcing Foster's nomination, and some viewed that as a signal he would support Dr. Foster. However, on February 6th, Senator Frist said publicly that he "admired" Foster, but that he was going to wait until the nomination process was finished before coming to a decision. Frist holds an important position on the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, which will hold confirmation hearings on the nomination in March.

Like Dr. Frist, Dr. Foster has had a distinguished career in medicine. Both men are from Nashville. In 1972, two years after Dr. Frist graduated from MBA, Dr. Foster became the youngest person ever elected to the National Academy of Sciences at the age of 39. He founded the "I Have a Future" program to combat teenage pregnancy and to promote sexual abstinence, earning him recognition by President George Bush as one of his "thousand points of light."

Dr. Foster's nomination has been mired in controversy over the number of abortions he performed while Dean of the Meharry Medical College; as a gynecologist, Dr. Foster performed 39 abortions while at Meharry. Abortion is a legal procedure. The controversy arose over his inability

to recall exactly how many abortions he performed, not over the fact that he performed abortions. The White House first revealed that he performed only one abortion. Then, the White House revised that figure to 12. Upon reviewing his records at Meharry for all 21 years he worked there, Dr. Foster revised that figure to the current 39. The White House has received the majority of the criticism from Congress. The botched Surgeon General nomination process is just another in a long line of administration foul ups. Even some Democrats in Congress are rumbling about White House incompetence.

Senator Frist has played a pivotal role in the nomination thus far, and it appears that he will continue to do so. Since he is on the Senate committee that will oversee the hearings and he is a doctor from Nashville, Frist's vote will be of great importance. Recently, he said that he has been a "chief interpreter of the information," about the nomination. He charged that the press has blown the abortion issue out of perspective; however, most Senators he talked to are placing the abortion issue in an appropriate overall perspective. In the February 16th Nashville Banner, Frist was reported to have said "Foster was unfairly criticized." Though it is expected he will support Foster's nomination and demonstrate his moderate tendencies, Frist's decision on this issue will surely determine whether he will be a conservative or moderate Republican on future issues.

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Junior School Corner

Magic Cards Banned in the Junior School

By: Brent Burish

For those of you who do not understand the game of Magic, let me explain it to you. It is a game involving special cards known as Magic cards. Each card has a special ability, but your main role is to kill the other player and the other players' creatures with your own creatures and spells. These cards are not cheap. The normal packs, which contain 60 cards (you have to have at least 40 to play) are \$8.00 plus tax. These packs can be found at many collectors stores. Magic cards, however, are now not to be found in the Junior School.

Magic Cards are a part of some Junior School students' lives, but now they are part of their out-of-school lives. Magic cards were banned in the Junior School during mid-January when

some Junior School students were caught buying, selling, and trading them on campus. Buying and selling anything on campus is strictly prohibited; this was one of the main causes Magic cards were banned. Another reason they were banned is that students do not have time for them on campus, according to Mrs. Thurmond, the head of the Junior School.

This was not the first time Junior School students were found buying and selling Magic cards. In fact, there had been complaints from three faculty members about Magic cards in school before Mrs. Thurmond herself caught some students with them early one morning. According to her, the buying and selling on school campus were the main reason she prohibited Magic

cards.

Some students had views on this subject. "I saw some kids selling baseball cards on campus during the exams, but they (teachers) didn't ask students not to bring baseball cards to school". Another student who plays Magic also had something to say. "I brought my cards to school but I never sold or bought any. It's not fair that I'm being penalized for other people's irresponsibility. I mean, if I did nothing wrong, then how come I can't bring my cards to school?" However, some students who do not play the game of Magic "don't care". Although some students may strongly disagree with Mrs. Thurmond's decision, none of them have talked to Mrs. Thurmond about how they feel.

Microbe Basketball

8th grade regular season record: 5-11

7th grade regular season record: 8-3

TEAM ROSTER

8th Grade: David McIntosh
James Greer
Blake Burger
Noble Judy
Chandler Martin

David Scobey
Matt Kaminski
P.G. Banker
Kevin McGuigan
Brooks Boyett

7th Grade: Barton Simmons
Carlton Stewart
Jay Pettus
Mason Guiffre
Dan Banko

Eric Larence
Bryan Fisher
Jonas Rodriguez
James Pitman
Will Tucker

Looking at the 8th grade record, one may make an erroneous assumption—This record is misleading. The microbe team has lost six of its games by five points or less. This was not a 5-11 team at the end of the season. It was more like an 11-5 team. They finished the season with a 5-3 streak, which proves their improvement during the course of the season.

During the middle of the season, the 8th grade team lost two players due to academic reasons. Despite this, the team pulled out a respectable record considering how tough the HVAC teams are. The HVAC consists of teams such as FRA, which beat teams from all over Tennessee and even Kentucky. MBA finished sixth with an even 5-5 record in the HVAC, which is truly amazing if you consider that they lost

two clutch players in the middle of the season and that they lost their first four HVAC games.

The seventh grade team turned out a great season this year. It's a shame that there is no HVAC for the seventh grade because they would have had great results. They seemed to beat teams coming from a large deficit. One example of this would be the David Lipscomb game, when the team was down by nine with 24 seconds to go. They ended up winning the game by three. This team truly shows some promise for next year, which is evident in the fact that most of the seventh graders got a chance on numerous occasions to play in the eighth grade games and performed well. They played an especially long time in blow-outs such as the Harding and Ensworth games.

Confucius Say...

by Jonathan Tam & Noah Scott

*Cheez Whiz without the 'Whiz is just cheese.

*Some things are just beyond mortal man's comprehension. Take the blender, for example. Where did come from? How does it work. We just don't know.

*If Spiderman really "does whatever a spider can," then he eats bugs, and I don't think that makes him a very good role model for young children.

*Dogs are a lot like trees. They both need water, they both need love and they're both made of wood.

*If Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair, then he probably got really cold during the winter months and spent a fortune on his heating bill.

*Remember whenever a psychopath threatens you with a knife, you can't really believe him—I mean, he's a

psychopath.

*The grass really is greener on the other side. (Which is why somebody needs to remind Ray to pick up some fertilizer.)

*Either the King is alive and well and hiding out in Rhode Island, or he really is dead. But, hey, what's the difference?

*Macaulay Culkin will have finally reached adolescence by the end of the world (*see below).

*The end of the world will come within a few centuries or at the end of the O.J. Simpson Trial, whichever comes first.

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Sports

The Men with Rifles

By Haynes Gentry

The MBA riflery team embarked on what we would put mildly as a rebuilding year. After the loss of the god of MBA riflery for the past few years, Brooks Martin (tied for state title), the team was left to search for leadership from the two returning starters, Haynes Gentry and David Berry, who are this year's captains.

At the start of preseason practice, it was learned the season would be shortened from five matches to two matches before the state tournament. This meant very little real match experience before the state tournament for a team, which was already very inexperienced. The team was faced with its biggest problem of finding a fourth starter to go along with Gentry, Berry, and junior Daniel Rivers. Coach Deneke says, "Our one, two, and three shooters will match up well with other teams. It is

our fourth shooter's performance that will determine our fate." For the first match, which MBA took a respectable third in, Jimmy Rupley filled in as the fourth man for a clutch performance despite having only practiced once this season before the match. Gentry finished first, Rivers second with his personal high, and Berry third.

For the remaining matches and state tournament, the squad hopes to receive help from previous shooter Zach Skipper, who has had limited shooting opportunities because of the play production, and newcomer Lee Cornelius. Coach Deneke says, "The team has vast room for improvement, especially if we can improve our standing scores." With these words the team is confident for the upcoming matches and state tournament.

- 1) Who was the last NFC quarterback to lose the Super Bowl?
A) Roger Staubach
B) Doug Williams
C) Phil Simms
D) Joe Theismann
- 2) Against what AA baseball team did Michael Jordan hit 2 of his 3 home runs?
A) Arkansas
B) Greenville
C) Nashville
D) Chattanooga
- 3) Who is the active leader in the NBA in points?
A) Robert Parrish
B) Dominique Wilkins
C) Karl Malone
D) Doctor Crowell
- 4) What is the only school currently competing with a winning record versus Notre Dame?
A) Michigan
B) Tennessee

Sports Quiz

by Bill and Dan McGugin
C) Indiana
D) Boston College

- 5) What was the most home runs hit by Hank Aaron in a season?
A) 44
B) 45
C) 46
D) 47
- 6) Which team has won more Bud Bowls?
A) Bud Light
B) Budweiser
- 7) Who had the most 50-point games in the NBA?
A) Michael Jordan
B) Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
C) Wilt Chamberlain
D) Dominique Wilkins
- 8) Which two fighters fought in "The Thrilla in Manila"?
A) Joe Frazier and
- Muhammed Ali
B) Joe Frazier and Rocky Marciano
C) George Foreman and Muhammad Ali
D) Leon Spinks and Muhammad Ali
- 9) Who has thrown the most touchdown passes to Jerry Rice?
A) Steve Deberg
B) Steve Bono
C) Joe Montana
D) Steve Young
- 10) Which MBA senior was named the Region's defensive player of the year in football?
A) Evan Chen
B) Bill Hancock
C) J.T. Davenport
D) Andy Cortis

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A, S, D, 6-B, 7-C, 8-A, 9-D, 10-
Answers: 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-

MBA Frogmen Take Region

by Jeremy Kane

With the start of the 1994-5 Swim Season, the MBA Swim team was ready to reclaim what was rightfully theirs. The season started off with team's rolling off three straight victories.

As December rolled around, the Big Red was anxiously awaiting its meet with Brentwood. Coach Rundberg's personal vendetta against Brentwood pulled the team through with an 88-81 victory, which brought the team's record to a perfect 4-0. The next meet was a roll over against our so called rivals, Father Ryan. The most exciting thing at the meet was the addition of Phil "Speedo Poster Boy" Guengrich to the already strong MBA squad. The Big Red next sped by Tullahoma, who was the defending Region champ.

At the Excel Invitational, Brentwood was poised to bring down the Big Red. With their team rested from practice in the



morning, they triumphed over the exhausted Big Red team, only winning because the 400 relay team failed to win its last race by a tenth of a second. Needless to say, the Big Red team was upset and looking to



the Region meet to show Brentwood who was really top dog.

The Region meet had finally arrived, and the Big Red was on a mission of redemption from the get go. MBA pulled a spectacular and hard-fought victory by two points. Having won the Region title three out of the last four years, the swimmers are screaming dynasty, baby. The captains for this year's squad are Joey Martinez and Jonathan Spencer. With ten swimmers, the Big Red sent its largest group ever to the State meet February 17-18. The team placed ninth overall, with Jeremy Kane winning another state individual title.

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Sports

Varsity Basketball Achieves Fifth Straight 20+ Win Season

by Will Coles and Rob Welhoelter

On February 16 the Big Red closed out the '94-95 regular season with a win over McGavock to put their record at 20 wins and only 6 losses. For the Big Red it was the fifth straight 20-win season. After going 12-0, the Big Red faced a tough district schedule which was capped off by arch rival Father Ryan who had defeated the Big Red earlier in the season. In a close game which came down to the wire, MBA emerged victorious to continue the unbeaten streak (6-0) in Ryan's new gym. "It was a big win for the team," commented senior Will Coles. "Ryan has a good team, but I think we proved that we are better."

Off the court, the basketball team has extended their talents to the community by creating an inclement

weather rescue crew. Following a road game at Maplewood, the Big Red

hoopsters took on a new identity. When the team van was blocked off on an I-440 overpass by seven or eight stranded cars, the rescuers took control. Despite the loss of teammate Logan Verner in a kidnapping by a hostile MBA cheerleader, the team compiled a record of eight saved motorists. Always socially conscious, Allen

"Greenpeace" Cermak lead the charge with six assists and one solo save. "Anytime I can help a person in need, I just do it," said the junior post-man who also

picked up several pieces of trash along the way.

After this incident,

the Big Red have gone undefeated and head into the tournaments with a head of steam.

Their first challenge comes Wednesday night against the Hillsboro-Hillwood—Ryan winner. Despite the outcome of the District tournament, MBA has already qualified for the Region tournament next week, of which they are defending champions.

These tournaments only mark the beginning of the drive for the state tournament and the Big Red needs your support. So come out and cheer on the team as they finish up another successful season.



Will Coles crashes the boards against Ryan

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editorship and relationships in general; however, I will be keeping my loyalty to the humble Bell Ringer not because of an innate sense of loyalty but because I have developed a forced enjoyment of the totalitarian control of this publication's editors (Hmm, my sarcasm seems somehow out of place. Written before the meat of the article, however, I decided to include it because freedom of speech does not mean throwing your words up and then running for cover as though they were a grenade. Freedom of speech means speaking your mind and sticking around to listen for the echoes).

Grapplers of MBA take on the world. . .

and win

by Andrew Douglas

The 1994-95 wrestling team, although set back with many injuries and the graduation of two senior starters from last year, has continued to wrestle well, despite its bad luck. The team has competed and done well in several tournaments this year and had a dual meet record of 11-6.

Unfortunately, key wrestlers such as Will Bartholomew, Will McKeand and Johnny Rich were unable to compete in last weekend's Region 6 tournament due to personal injuries. The team, headed by senior captains Andrew Douglas and Cory Morgan will travel to the state tournament, when it is held, for state titles. Qualifying for the state tournament

are: at 106 pounds, eighth-grader Jonathon Williams; at 112-pounds, David (medium rabbit) Sanders; at 126

pounds, Sterling (big rabbit) Sanders; at 134 pounds, Alan



(Rainman) Roe; at 142 pounds, Andrew Douglas (1



have no nickname because I'm writing this); and at 160 pounds, Cory (Co-ray) Morgan. Although the state

tournament has been delayed a week due to good old McCallie, the wrestlers will be primed and ready to go in the state tournament.

The team heads into the tournament with the idea that anything can happen. As Coach Killian says, "There ain't a rider that can't be thrown and there ain't a horse that can't be ridden." With these words, the team is confident it can do anything. Hopefully, under the leadership of Coach Killian and Coach Spiegel, this year's team will produce state placers, possibly champions. Please come out and give any support you can.

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diners.

The donation also pays for teacher training and student-writing contests. In 1994, several cash prizes were given for fiction and nonfiction writing. A poetry award has been established through a grant from another alumnus given in honor of Davis' father. Teachers may use money from the grant to attend training sessions. Mrs. Hensley, Director of Admissions, remarked that creative writing is "very much needed in the curriculum and is currently an aspect in which we are somewhat lacking. The opportunity for teachers and students is valuable."

Creative writing will also probably be present at MBA during the summer. Mr. Corzine, a Junior School English teacher, stated that a week-long session at MBA is being planned for students in

several different grades. The camp will be supervised by Mrs. Renkle, a teacher at Harpeth Hall, and staffed by teachers from local public and private schools. Further details will be announced later.

Numerous faculty members said that one goal of the grant was to "make MBA's writing program as important and well-known as the debate program." Several national writing contests are available. The National Peace Essay requests essays on the prospects of peace in the world. Scholastic Magazine sponsors competitions for seniors with a wide variety of written pieces as well as short stories and poems. Other contests will probably be announced during the year and student with questions should talk to Mrs. Palmore.

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